

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 on March 15, 1995; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-35) **Page S1581**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 67), Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

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By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 68), Matthew Frederick Leitman, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 69), Judith Ellen Levy, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 70), Laurie J. Michelson, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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By 60 yeas 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 71), Linda Vivienne Parker, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

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Heather L. MacDougall, of Florida, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2017.

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France A. Cordova, of New Mexico, to be Director of the National Science Foundation for a term of six years.

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James H. Shelton III, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Education.

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Bruce Heyman, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Canada.

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—74) **Pages S1537-38, S1556-57, S1569**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:43 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1596.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Jeh Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, Commander, International Security Assistance Force, Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine military space programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Douglas L. Loverro, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Space Policy, John A. Zangardi, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Information Operations, and Space, General William L. Shelton, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command, and Lieutenant General David L. Mann, USA, Commander, Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, all of the Department of Defense; and Cristina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and

Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

SUPERSTORM SANDY RECOVERY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine Superstorm Sandy recovery, focusing on ensuring strong coordination among Federal, state, and local stakeholders, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Mayor Matthew J. Doherty, Belmar, New Jersey; Adam Gordon, Fair Share Housing Center, Haddon Township, New Jersey; and Janice Fine, Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations, Princeton, New Jersey.

U.S. RETIREMENT SECURITY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the state of United States retirement security, focusing on the middle class, after receiving testimony from Ted Wheeler, Oregon State Treasurer, Portland; Monique Morrissey, Economic Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.; Robert Hiltonsmith, Demos, New York, New York; and Kristi Mitchem, State Street Global Advisors, Woodside, California.

BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request and revenue proposals for fiscal year 2015, after receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Support for the Sovereignty, Integrity, Democracy, and Economic Stability of Ukraine Act of 2014".

CREATING A 21ST CENTURY GOVERNMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine management, focusing on creating a 21st century government, and views on the progress and plans for addressing government-wide management challenges, after receiving testimony from Beth Cobert, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Daniel M. Tangherlini, Administrator, General Services Administration; and Gene L. Dodaro,

Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

MINIMUM WAGE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how a fair minimum wage will help working families succeed, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. Perez, Secretary of Labor; Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Heather Boushey, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, and Simone Campbell, NETWORK, both of Washington, D.C.; and Alicia McCrary, Northwood, Iowa.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Casey and Toomey, Richard Franklin Boulware II, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, who was introduced by Senators Reid and Heller, Salvador Mendoza, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, who was introduced by Senator Murray, Staci Michelle Yandle, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, and Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine election administration, focusing on innovation, administrative improvements and cost savings, including S. 2017, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote, and S. 85, to provide incentives for States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at the polls and to simplify voter registration, after receiving testimony from Senators Boxer and Coons; Linda H. Lamone, Maryland State Administrator of Elections, Annapolis; Tammy Patrick, Maricopa County Elections Department Federal Compliance Officer, Phoenix, Arizona; and Cameron P. Quinn, Fairfax County General Registrar, Fairfax, Virginia.

VETERANS' PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for Veterans' Programs, after receiving testimony from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Robert A. Petzel, Under Secretary for Health,

Allison A. Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, Steve L. Muro, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Stephen W. Warren, Executive in Charge for Information and Technology, and Helen Tierny, Executive in Charge for the Office of Management, and Acting Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 4208–4223; 1 private bill, H.R. 4224; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 514 and 516, were introduced. **Pages H2360–61**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2361–62**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 515, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3189) to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer, relinquishment, or other impairment of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4015) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and improve Medicare payments for physicians and other professionals, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from March 17, 2014, through March 21, 2014 (H. Rept. 113–379). **Page H2360**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ros-Lehtinen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2305**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2308**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Jason Parks, Refuge Church, Huntsville, Alabama. **Page H2308**

ENFORCE the Law Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 4138, to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 124. **Pages H2319–40**

Rejected the Ruiz motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 123. **Pages H2338–39**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–43 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H2329**

Agreed to:

Cicilline amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–378) that provides for transparent accounting of the costs of litigation, by requiring the Comptroller General of the United States to issue quarterly reports to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees on the costs of civil actions, including any attorney fees, brought pursuant to this Act. **Pages H2334–35**

Rejected:

Conyers amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–378) that sought to exclude from the bill's scope any executive actions taken to combat discrimination or to protect civil rights (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 120); **Pages H2330–31, H2335–36**

Nadler amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–378) that sought to clarify that nothing in the act limits or otherwise affects the constitutional authority of the executive branch to exercise prosecutorial discretion (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes 225 noes, Roll No. 121); and **Pages H2331–32, H2336–37**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–378) that sought to protect the ability of the Executive Branch to comply with judicial decisions interpreting the Constitution or Federal laws (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 122). **Pages H2332–34, H2337**

H. Res. 511, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4138) and (H.R. 3973), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 119, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 118. **Pages H2311–19**

Faithful Execution of the Law Act of 2014: The House began consideration of H.R. 3973, to amend